

Amendments to the Claims

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9. (New) Substantially pure (+)-2[2-[4-[(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]-1-piperazinyl]ethoxy]acetamide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. (New) Substantially pure (-)-2[2-[4-[(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]-1-piperazinyl]ethoxy]acetamide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

11. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 9 and a pharmaceutically acceptable solid or liquid excipient therefor, said composition being substantially free of the corresponding (-) enantiomer or salt thereof.

12. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 10, and a pharmaceutically acceptable solid or liquid excipient therefor, said composition being substantially free of the corresponding (+) enantiomer or salt thereof.

13. (New) A method for the treatment of allergic conditions in a patient while avoiding undesirable effects on the central nervous system which comprises administering to said patient an anti-allergic effective amount of substantially optically pure (+)-2[2-[4-[(4-

chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]-1-piperazinyl]ethoxy]acetamide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

14. (New) A method for inhibiting the effects of histamine in a patient which comprises topically applying to the skin or the mucous membrane of the patient an effective amount of substantially optically pure (-)-2-[2-[4-[(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]-1-piperazinyl]ethoxy]acetamide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.